Irrigation facilities in Bihar

†853. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum irrigation capacity through all sources is about 54 lakh hectare in Bihar whereas irrigation facilities has been created and utilized to the extent of 26 lakh hectare land only; and

(b) the irrigation capacity from small, medium and large sources alongwith underground water sources separately in Bihar and extent to which irrigation capacity has so far been developed and the maximum capacity that can be developed alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As per information provided by Government of Bihar, the ultimate irrigation potential from major & medium irrigation schemes in Bihar is 53.53 lakh hectare, out of which 26.37 lakh hectare irrigation potential has been created upto March, 2006.

(b) As reported by the Government of Bihar, the ultimate irrigation potential and potential created through major & medium and minor irrigation schemes in Bihar is as under:

(Figure in lakh hectare)

Sl. No.	Description	Ultimate Irrigation Potential	Irrigation Potential created
1.	Major and Medium Irrigation	53.53	26.37
2.	Minor Irrigation	48.57	28.99
	(a) Ground Water	15.44	7.27
	(b) Surface water		

ADB loans for water bodies

854. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified water sector as one of the major sources of Asian Development Bank's loan proposal;

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